

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for highlighting changes in an information object, comprising:
  - a) identifying a user;
  - b) receiving ~~a-~~ an initial request from the user for a selected version of an information object; and
  - c) in response to the initial request for the selected information ~~object,~~ object and without user intervention subsequent to the initial request,
    - i) obtaining a most recent version of the information object as the selected version of the information object requested by the user;
    - ii) obtaining a previous version of the information object based on a result of identifying the user, the previous version of the information object being a version of the information object most recently accessed by the user;
    - iii) automatically determining a difference between the selected version of the information object and the previous version of the information object; and
    - iv) automatically outputting a rendered version of the information object highlighting the difference.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein iv) comprises displaying the rendered version of the information object.
4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein iv) comprises printing the rendered version of the information object on a printing device.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein iv) comprises encoding information on the stored information in glyphs such that the encoded information designates the version of the information object.

6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the most recent version of the information object is the most recent version of the information object that the user is authorized to access.

7. (Currently Amended) An apparatus including a memory that highlights changes in an information object, comprising:

- a) a query interface that receives a user identification and a- an initial request for a selected information object;
- b) a processor that, in response to the request, the initial request and without user intervention subsequent to the initial request, retrieves a most recent version of the information object as the selected information object and a previous version of the information object, the previous version being obtained based on the identification of the user and being a version of the information object most recently accessed by the user;
- c) a delta determination device that, in response to the request, initial request and without user intervention subsequent to the initial request, automatically determines a difference between the selected version and the previous version; and
- d) a renderer that, in response to the request, initial request and without user intervention subsequent to the initial request, automatically generates a rendered version of the information object highlighting the difference.

8-9. (Canceled)

10. (Previously Presented) A system for highlighting changes in an information object, comprising:

the apparatus according to claim 7;

at least one database that stores the most current version and the previous version; and

an output device that outputs the rendered version.

11. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 10, wherein the output device is one of a display device and a printer.

12. (Currently Amended) A system including a memory for highlighting changes in an information object, comprising:

a) means for identifying a user;

b) means for receiving ~~a-~~ an initial request from the user for a selected version of an information object;

c) means for obtaining, in response to the initial request for the selected information ~~object, object and without user intervention subsequent to the initial request,~~ a most recent version of the information object as the selected version of the information object requested by the user;

d) means for obtaining, in response to the ~~request, initial request and without user intervention subsequent to the initial request,~~ a previous version of the information object based on a result of identifying the user, the previous version of the information object being a version of the information object most recently accessed by the user;

e) means for automatically determining, in response to the ~~request, initial request and without user intervention subsequent to the initial request,~~ a difference between the selected version of the information object and the previous version of the information object; and

f) means for automatically outputting, in response to the ~~request, initial request and without user intervention subsequent to the initial request,~~ a rendered version of the information object showing the difference.

13. (Canceled)
14. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 12, wherein f) comprises means for outputting the rendered version to a display device.
15. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 12, wherein f) comprises means for outputting the rendered version to a printing device.
16. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 12, wherein the most recent version of the information object is the most recent version of the information object that the user is authorized to access.